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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Broadband access is a critical utility to me, both as a father of young children and a small business owner. Competition among providers is the only way to ensure high-quality offerings at fair prices.

I have previously tried to setup fiber-based service at my home and business. The connection had technical issues, and since there was only a single provider, they were not motivated to address the problems, and I had to revert to my previous, slower, connection.

Competitive communication laws benefit consumers and small businesses. I urge to ensure that access to fiber infrastructure remains competitive.

Sincerely,

George Panotopoulos